

LYNCHBURG CITY COUNCIL

Agenda Item Summary

MEETING DATE: **October 9, 2007**

AGENDA ITEM NO.: 2

CONSENT:

REGULAR: **X**

CLOSED SESSION:

(Confidential)

ACTION: **X**

INFORMATION:

ITEM TITLE: **Transportation Enhancement Grant – Historic Districts’ Streets Restoration**

RECOMMENDATION: Hold a public hearing and adopt a resolution in support of a Transportation Enhancement Grant (SAFETEA-LU) application to restore streets in the Federal Hill, Garland Hill, and Diamond Hill historic districts.

SUMMARY: Previously, the City received a SAFETEA grant for street restoration in Daniel’s Hill. In order to continue this effort in the Federal Hill, Garland Hill, and Diamond Hill historic districts, the City is applying for another SAFETEA grant. Public Works, Community Development, and the Historic Districts’ Coalition have developed a partnership to restore brick streets within the historic districts. The Coalition has shown support by providing volunteer manpower, while Public Works and Community Development provide necessary equipment and technical expertise.

The grant request is for \$838,997 over four years and requires a 20% match commitment by the locality. Therefore, the City commitment is \$167,799 over four years. The Historic Districts are committed to providing a portion of the match requirement as in-kind services valued at \$33,560 over the same four year period. Therefore, a grant award would necessitate an annual appropriation of \$33,560 in the Public Works Streets Division budget and an in-kind contribution of \$8,390.

PRIOR ACTION(S): Finance Committee, October 2, 2007

FISCAL IMPACT: The grant requires a 20% local match of \$167,799 over four years where the Historic Districts provide manpower to equal \$33,560 of in-kind contribution and the City provides \$134,239 in funding.

CONTACT(S): Numan Franklin, Neighborhood Project Manager, 455-3931

ATTACHMENT(S): Resolution

REVIEWED BY: lkp

RESOLUTION

WHEREAS, in accordance with Commonwealth Transportation Board construction allocation procedures, it is necessary that a request by resolution be received from the local government or state agency in order that the Virginia Department of Transportation program an enhancement project in the City of Lynchburg,

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the City of Lynchburg requests the Commonwealth Transportation Board to establish a project to restore streets in the Federal Hill, Garland Hill, and Diamond Hill historic districts,

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the City of Lynchburg hereby agrees to pay a minimum 20% of the total cost for the final planning and design, right of way, and construction of this project, and that, if the City of Lynchburg subsequently elects to cancel this project the City of Lynchburg hereby agrees to reimburse the Virginia Department of Transportation for the total amount of costs expended by the Department through the date the Department is notified of such cancellation, and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the City Manager is authorized to sign the necessary documents for this project.

Adopted:

Certified:

Clerk of Council

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